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1. WE WELCOME THE VISIT BY SECRETARY AND MRS. ADAMS AND THE
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARY'S PARTY TO THE NETHERLANDS
JUNE 4-6. FOLLOWING ARE OUR PRELIMINARY SUGGESTIONS.

2. SINCE THIS WILL BE THE FIRST VISIT HERE BY A MEMBER OF
THE CARTER CABINET, WE ANTICIPATE CONSIDERABLE INTEREST ON
THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC AND PRESS. WE RECOMMEND,
THEREFORE, THAT THE SECRETARY CONSIDER USING THE OCCASION OF
HIS VISIT TO MAKE A MAJOR SPEECH AND HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE.
SINCE SECRETARY ADAMS IS VISITING THE NETHERLANDS TO DISCUSS
THE BILATERAL CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT A SPEECH ON THE SIGNIFICANCE
OF THE NEW U.S. AVIATION POLICY WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT CHOICE.
THE NETHERLANDS WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE SITE FOR SUCH A SPEECH
BECAUSE THIS COUNTRY HAS LED THE WAY IN EUROPE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF
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GREATER COMPETITION IN THE AIR. MOREOVER, THE DIRECTOR
GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION, HANS RABEN, IS PRESIDENT OF THE
EUROPEAN CIVIL AVIATION CONFERENCE. IF SECRETARY ADAMS AGREES,
WE WOULD TRY TO ARRANGE A LUNCHEON MEETING JUNE 5 OR 6 IN
AMSTERDAM OR THE HAGUE (TO WHICH THE PRESS COULD BE INVITED),
AS WELL AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET SEPARATELY TO ANSWER PRESS
QUESTIONS.

3. TO HELP US COORDINATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT WITH THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THE SECRETARY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WITHIN THE TIME AVAILABLE: A HELICOPTER TOUR OVER THE PORT FACILITIES IN ROTTERDAM, A SIMILAR TOUR OVER THE DELTA PROJECT CLOSING OFF PARTS OF SOUTHWEST HOLLAND FROM THE NORTH SEA, A VISIT TO THE PARTIALLY COMPLETED SUBWAY IN AMSTERDAM, AN INSPECTION OF THE RAILWAY BEING BUILT TO LINK DOWNTOWN AMSTERDAM AND THE HAGUE WITH SCHIPHOL AIRPORT, OR A BRIEF GUIDED TOUR OF SCHIPHOL AIRPORT EITHER ON ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE.

4. SUBJECT TO WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS DUTCH GOVERNMENT MAY ALREADY HAVE MADE, WE SOULD EXPECT, AS SUGGESTED REFTTEL THAT THE SECRETARY PAY A COURTESY CALL ON MINISTER OF TRANSPORT TUIJNMAN AND ALSO MEET WITH STATE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT MRS. NEELIE-SMIT, WHO HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR CIVIL AVIATION.

5. EVENING OF JUNE 5 WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO HOLD RECEPTION FOR SECRETARY AND MRS. ADAMS AND THEIR PARTY WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE SECRETARY TO MEET OTHER OFFICIALS AS WELL AS LEADERS IN PRIVATE BUSINESS. EITHER NEW AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE WOULD BE HOST. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER SECRETARY CONCURS.

6. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY.

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7. DURING THE VISIT TO THE HAGUE, THE SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY MAY USE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE TO FRESHEN UP.

8. THE CONTROL OFFICER FOR THE VISIT IS FSO-3 ECONOMIC OFFICER COVERING AVIATION MATTERS JOHN BRIMS, HOME TELEPHONE 070-465011.

9. CONSUL GENERAL IN AMSTERDAM SUGGESTS BEST HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS WOULD BE EITHER HOTEL SONESTA (CENTRAL LOCATION) WHERE A DOUBLE ROOM COSTS 115 GUILDERS (ONE DOLLAR CURRENTLY EQUALS 2.15 GUILDERS) AND A SINGLE COSTS 90 GUILDERS, BOTH PRICES INCLUDING TAXES BUT NOT BREAKFAST, OR THE MEMPHIS HOTEL (RAMADA INN, NOT CENTRALLY LOCATED) WHERE A DOUBLE COSTS 131.25 GUILDERS AND A SINGLE 97.50 GUILDERS WITH TAXES AND BREAKFAST INCLUDED. BOTH HOTELS ARE QUOTING DISCOUNT RATES WHICH ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN OTHER FIRST-CLASS HOTELS IN AMSTERDAM WHERE RATES WOULD BE CLOSE TO DOUBLE. SINCE HOTEL SITUATION IS TIGHT, PLEASE ADVISE ON URGENT BASIS PRECISE ACCOMMODATIONS REQUIRED BY SECRETARY'S PARTY AND WHICH HOTEL. EMBASSY BELIEVES SONESTA WOULD BE BETTER CHOICE.
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